

MOWED THEM DOWN.

Terrible Slaughter of Tots on the Erie Railroad.

There are Three Dead and Another is Dying.

Thrilling Story of How Five Little Ones Fared Together.

Five children crouching on a railroad track laid on the ties of a bridge fifty feet above a swirling stream. They are in the center of the bridge. They have just stepped from the other track on which they had seen a train approaching. Hardly had they jumped when desperate cries from men in the fields below called them to look behind. There is another train behind them. There is just barely room by the side of the track to stand on and cling to the guard rails of the bridge. The two elder girls leap. They are safe but only for a moment. Looking backward they see their three younger companions, pale, paralyzed with fear, glancing mutely after them. With a heroic never surpassed, these two girls, heedless of themselves, jump back right in the road of the mass of rushing train. They have a moment to make one desperate effort to pull the younger ones out of danger. They try and fail. The moment passes. The engine is among them, crushing, tearing, tossing, mauling the tender little bodies. Onward it rushes until the bridge is broken. Then it stops. The engineer, feeling like a drunken man, staggers back over the bloody track his machine has made. Down on his knees he sinks beside the bodies of the three children who are dead. Strange to say, the two others have escaped with only slight injuries. One is the only boy of the party, was knocked through the openwork of the bridge, and fell into the river below. This terrible tragedy occurred on the Erie Railroad bridge which crosses the Passaic river near Paterson.

FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Buenos Ayres All Quiet and Argentine Exchange Improved.

LONDON, July 30.—The latest despatches from Buenos Ayres report all quiet. The resignation of President Colman is confirmed and has had a good effect on the market here. Exchange is quoted at 86. Uruguayan securities participate in the improvement. Despatches have been received announcing that the Argentine Government has granted general amnesty to all persons who took part in the insurrection.

The Suicide of a Sensitive British Sergeant.

LONDON, July 30.—Sergeant. Hayes, of the Service Corps, on being arrested for some trifling dereliction of duty, killed himself. Will the Kaiser Bear an Olive Branch from England to Russia. LONDON, July 30.—The approaching meeting at Osborne House, between the Queen and Emperor William, is regarded in diplomatic circles as a most important event, as more than a mere family courtesy. It is believed that strenuous efforts are being made to secure a better understanding between Russia and England; that the youthful Emperor of Germany is to bear the burden of his visit to St. Petersburg and then back up the French-English cordial and isolate France.

A MYSTERY IN MAINE.

Children's Hands and Feet and Charred Bones Found on an Island. PORTLAND, Me., July 30.—Charles Thompson, a local writer, has reported that he has discovered a most mysterious case of children's hands and feet, and charred bones, on an island near Chebeague Island, report that while berrying on Goose Island, near Chebeague, yesterday, they found on a rock four hands and four feet, evidently cut off from children's limbs. The hands and feet were found in a shallow pool of water, and the charred bones were found in a shallow pool of water. The party left without disturbing the bones.

NILSSON SAID TO BE HERE.

But a Search of the Hotels Fails to Disclose the Songstress.

A rumor rippled through the upper portion of the town and particularly among opera devotees that the once peerless Swedish nightingale, Christine Nilsson, had arrived in New York with a great deal of money, and was preparing to make a tour of the city. A search of the hotels failed to disclose the songstress.

TRAMPS ATTACK TRAINMEN.

One Killed on Each Side in a Recent Lake Shore Combat.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 30.—It is learned that the most serious of many recent attacks by tramps on Lake Shore freight trains took place Monday night at some distance from here. Brakenham Charles Miller was killed after succeeding in slaying one of his assailants.

A Great Constellation.

Wiggins—Who are those ladies in that left-hand box? Muggins—Oh, that is a constellation of society stars.

Amateur Baseball Notes.

The Independents and Patriots played a game at East 125th Street Park. The Patriots were defeated by a score of 10 to 6. The Independents were defeated by a score of 10 to 6.

Remodeling a Proverb.

Gov. Hill and Col. Judson, his Military Secretary, who were at the Hoffman House last night, after a short session at Commodore Ludlow's farm, received many prominent politicians who called during the night.

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Mirage of Death.

Some years ago while my uncle was returning from a trip to Calcutta he witnessed the following strange phenomenon:

Towards sunset one day the lookout on duty noticed an object which, after careful scrutiny, proved to be a boat with two persons in it. One could be seen upholding a plank with something white fastened to it, while the other was leaning over the side apparently exhausted.

The captain gave orders to steer towards them and put out a boat for their rescue. When within about one hundred yards of it the rescuing party were amazed to note the sudden disappearance of the boat and its occupants and in place of it found only some loose timbers, upon one of which was painted the name "Lilias."

They returned to their vessel and reported to the captain what had happened. He kept a sharp lookout for either of the bodies. While keeping this lookout all kinds of weird and remarkable things happened. The boat was seen to reappear and then to disappear again.

My uncle still remains the piece of board with the name "Lilias" on it as a memento of that weird night.

DAVID M. EARLE.

THE SKIPPER SWALLOWED HIS "CHAW."

He was nearing port on a rather murky night, and the skipper, naturally a nervous man, was scarce. We were under three to 'gan' sails when suddenly the lookout reported "Land ahead," and through the gloom loomed out a huge headland. We were right on it.

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